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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR HIERARCHICAL LOAD BALANCING

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
TO EXAMINER'S FINAL ACTION MAILED MAY 12, 2005**

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on August 12, 2005. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.